

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, this listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 5. (Canceled).

6. (Previously Presented) A method for clearing a customer-specific entitlement in a conditional access system to receive a chargeable service from a service provider by using a security module on which is stored at least one of a security algorithm and the customer-specific entitlement as at least one of a software program and a data, comprising:

specifically assigning an EMM clearing signal to the security module to provide a specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and

controlling a right-of-access by a customer through a service center, in response to a request from the service provider to the service center, using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal by performing one of:

(i) an indirect clearing operation that includes the steps of:

(a) sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center to the service provider via at least one of a telephone system and a data communication system;

(b) feeding the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for the chargeable service into a control unit of the service provider; and

(c) activating the security module via the control unit by using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and

(ii) a direct clearing operation by sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center, with an assistance of a data transmission service in a digital broadcasting service, to the security module to clear the customer.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein an electronically stored, service-specific credit balance is allocatable in monetary units to the security module.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein in the indirect clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer, the data transmission service is provided by one of a fixed-line modem, a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) modem and a GSM-Service Management System (GSM-SMS) modem.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein in the direct clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer:

an approximate location of the querying customer is found with the assistance of at least one of a digital cellular network and a mobile telephony network; and

the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for clearing the querying customer is only routed into a digital broadcasting network in which the querying customer is situated at a time of a call and an ordering of the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the chargeable service includes at least one of a pay TV service, a digital radio broadcasting service, a digital video broadcasting service, a service of a Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications and a video-on-demand service.

11. (Previously Presented) A system for clearing a customer-specific entitlement in a conditional access system to receive a chargeable service from a service provider by using a security module on which is stored at least one of a security algorithm and the customer-specific entitlement as at least one of a software program and data, the system comprising:

an arrangement for specifically assigning an EMM clearing signal to the security module to provide a specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and

an arrangement for controlling a right-of-access by a customer through a service center, in response to a request from the service provider to the service center, using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal by performing one of:

(i) an indirect clearing operation that includes the steps of:

(a) sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center to the service provider via at least one of a telephone system and a data communication system;

(b) feeding the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for the chargeable service into a control unit of the service provider; and

(c) activating the security module via the control unit by using the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal; and

(ii) a direct clearing operation by sending the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal from the service center, with an assistance of a data

transmission service in a digital broadcasting service, to the security module to clear the customer.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein an electronically stored, service-specific credit balance is allocatable in monetary units to the security module.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein in the indirect clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer, the data transmission service is provided by one of a fixed-line modem, a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) modem and a GSM-Service Management System (GSM-SMS) modem.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein in the direct clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer:

an approximate location of the querying customer is found with the assistance of at least one of a digital cellular network and a mobile telephony network; and

the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal for clearing the querying customer is only routed into a digital broadcasting network in which the querying customer is situated at a time of a call and an ordering of the specifically assigned EMM clearing signal.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the chargeable service includes at least one of a pay TV service, a digital radio broadcasting service, a digital video broadcasting service, a service of a Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications and a video-on-demand service.

16. (New) A method for clearing a customer-specific entitlement in a conditional access system to receive a chargeable service from a service provider by using a security module on which is stored at least one of a security algorithm and the customer-specific entitlement as at least one of a software program and a data, comprising:

specifically assigning an entitlement management message clearing signal to the security module to provide a specifically assigned entitlement management message clearing signal; and

controlling a right-of-access by a customer through a service center, in response to a request from the service provider to the service center, using the specifically assigned entitlement management message clearing signal by performing one of:

(i) an indirect clearing operation that includes the steps of:

(a) sending the specifically assigned entitlement management message clearing signal from the service center to the service provider via at least one of a telephone system and a data communication system;

(b) feeding the specifically assigned entitlement management message clearing signal for the chargeable service into a control unit of the service provider; and

(c) activating the security module via the control unit by using the specifically assigned entitlement management message clearing signal; and

(ii) a direct clearing operation by sending the specifically assigned entitlement management message clearing signal from the service center, with an assistance of a data transmission service in a digital broadcasting service, to the security module to clear the customer,

wherein in the direct clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer:

an approximate location of the querying customer is found with the assistance of at least one of a digital cellular network and a mobile telephony network; and

the specifically assigned entitlement management message clearing signal for clearing the querying customer is only routed into a digital broadcasting network in which the querying customer is situated at a time of a call and an ordering of the specifically assigned entitlement management message clearing signal,

wherein an electronically stored, service-specific credit balance is allocatable in monetary units to the security module.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein in the indirect clearing operation of the security module of a querying customer, the data transmission service is provided by one of a fixed-line modem, a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) modem and a GSM-Service Management System modem.

18. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the chargeable service is a service of a Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications.

19. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the chargeable service includes at least one of a pay TV service and a video-on-demand service.

20. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the chargeable service includes at least one of a digital radio broadcasting service and a digital video broadcasting service.